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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 07781.0013-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Stefan HACK et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3623  
Application No.: 09/609,714 ) Examiner: Heck, Michael C.  
Filed: June 30, 2000 ) Conf. No.: 2503  
For: VALUE CHAIN OPTIMIZATION )  
SYSTEM AND METHOD )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action of April 2, 2004. The items checked below are appropriate:

- A fee of \$770 for the RCE is enclosed.
- Applicants hereby petition for a two months extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$420 for the extension is enclosed.
- The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	65	-	57	8	x \$18	\$144
Indep.	9	-	7	2	x \$86	\$172
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$290	
					Subtotal	\$316
					Reduction by ½ if small entity	
					TOTAL	\$316

- A fee of \$316 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

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A check for \$1506 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: September 2, 2004

By:

Naveen Modi

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